

were lower than those of HEC. HEC's quotations for "Processing Line" indigenous equipments are still under the consideration of EPL.

**News Item regarding long wave band**

5993. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in the Indian Express dated 12th March, 1979 under the caption "India in two minds about long wave band";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government to the various observations made therein; and

(c) facts of the matter observation-wise and details of action taken/proposed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government have constituted a Working Group of experts from the concerned departments to examine all the implications involved in the allocation of long wave band to broadcasting in I.T.U. Region 3 (Asia and Pacific countries), and to recommend an appropriate national stand in this matter. Government will take a view after the Working Group submits its report.

**Block making arrangements for News Dailies**

5994. SHRI SACHINDRALAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that in a number of places in the backward regions in some States there is no block making arrangements for the news dailies.

(b) if so, whether the P.I.B. has arranged to supply blocks to these dailies;

(c) if so, the details of the arrangements; and

(d) the names of the news dailies benefited upto date State-wise, with the particular reference to Agartala Dailies?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Elonoid blocks are supplied to newspapers through Regional and Branch Offices of the Press Information Bureau.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Expenditure incurred by the Industrial units on publicity**

5995. SHRI SACHINDRALAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the industrial units under his ministry;

(b) the details of the publicity expenditure of these units, unit-wise, during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the names of the dailies that were given advertisement by these units, unit-wise, and the amount thereof, during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the details of the attitude towards the language dailies of these units, unit-wise and the reflection of the attitude in the language papers; and

(e) the details of the action taken by these units to help the small and